are purchasing power regularly from Dabhol Power Company (DPC) on bulk basis. They have further stated that the correct factual position is as follows:

The factual position is that MSEB is buying power from DPC as per the requirement of MSEB system. The DPC Unit-1 was under plant shut down from 2.6.2000 to 2.7.2000 for rotor replacement and Unit-2 & 3 were under shut down from 8.6.2000 to 29.6.2000 for replacement of excitation transformer. Hence, during this period, the question of taking power from DPC did not arise. After the plant was started, MSEB is taking power as per its requirement. MSEB's present off take is about 4 to 5 Million Units daily from DPC, since due to monsoon, the system load demand has gone down. It has further been stated that there is no intention of MSEB not to buy power from DPC.

**Implementation of revised rates of Electricity in Andhra Pradesh**

432. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electricity Regulatory Commission of Andhra Pradesh has declared revised rates for different categories of consumers;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has accepted the rates so revised and implemented the new rates; and

(c) if not, what amount of additional subsidy the State Government will give to different classes of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The revised tariff rates fixed by the Electricity Regulatory Commission are binding on the utility and accordingly the new rates are implemented *w.e.f.* 4.6.2000. The tariff order has elements of both cross subsidy, subsidy and additional subsidy given by the State Government. The State Government has accepted to pay a total amount of Rs. 1626/crores to Andhra Pradesh Transmission Company (APTRANSCO) towards subsidy during 2000-01.

**New Integrated Energy policy**

433. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a new Integrated Energy policy

aiming for high level of efficiency, equitable distribution and environment protection;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected period for implementation of the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) A Committee to formulate the Energy Policy was constituted by Planning Commission in 1995. The report of the Committee is being finalised. The time frame for implementing the recommendations made by the Committee can be assessed only after receipt of the report.

**Availability of power in the country**

434. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power generation in the country has shown a growth of 7.1 per cent over the previous year, which is the highest growth rate in recent years as well as Thermal Power 9.2 per cent, Nuclear Power 10.3 percent;

(b) if so, whether power availability in the country has improved over the previous years and the demand/supply position during 2000-2001 (State-wise and U.T.-wise); and

(c) the steps Government have taken so far to attract large investment in domestic and foreign sectors in order to rationalize the tariffs and remove bottlenecks in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) All India catgegory-wise % growth in generation during 1999-2000 over the previous year was as under:

| Category | %Growth |
|---|---|
| Thermal | 9.4 |
| Nuclear | 10.4 |
| Hydro | (-)2.5 |
| All India | 7.2 |

(b) The energy availability in the country during the period April 2000 to June, 2000 has been 1146.74 MU as compared to 1094.78 MU during the